

FORM B - BUILDING

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MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108



Town Lexington

Address 27 Meriam Street

Historic Name Robert P. Clapp House

Use: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

Date 1889

Source David A. Tuttle manuscript

Style Queen Anne

Architect David A. Tuttle, builder

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) porch

enclosed with jalousied windows (date

unknown, but presumably post-World War II)

Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage 20000 ft.²

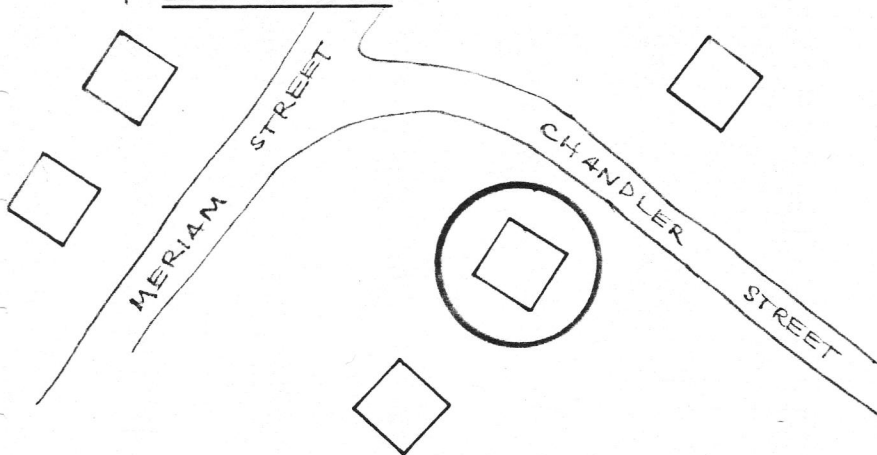
Setting A prominent site on north slope

of Meriam Hill in area of predominantly

late nineteenth century substantial houses.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This house has one of the finest towers in Lexington. Projecting from the facade more than a half circle, the tower has a nearly free-standing conical roof with very gentle bell shape and a copper finial at the top. A one-story porch with balustrade above extends across the facade and culminates in a semicircular projection on the right-hand side. A palladian window embellishes the gable end. The house is fortunate to retain its original finishes including clapboards shaped to the curve of the tower.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The house was built by David A. Tuttle, prolific local builder, for Robert Parker Clapp, a lawyer. Meriam Hill was developed in the 1880s and 1890s by the new, more wealthy residents of Lexington, many of whom, like Clapp, commuted to Boston to work.

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